THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) to (c) There has been shortfall in production of steam coal in Raniganj Coalfield during the period April—December, 1990 mainly on account of inadequate and irregular power supply to coal mines in the Eastern Region. As a result, despatch of steam coal to pottery units fell short of target. However, from January, 91 onwards the production as well as loading of coal has picked up and more steam coal is being supplied to these consumers.

Status of Air Hostesses in Air India

176. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air hostesses of Air India are not treated at par with their male counterparts, the flight pursers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the conditions imposed on air hostesses who wish to continue beyond the age of 35 years are humiliating in nature;

(c) whether the status of senior air hostesses like Chief Air hostess, the Additional Chief Air Hostess and the Deputy Chief Air Hostess is at the junior most position in the officer's cadre; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Air hostesses and Flight pursers in Air India are separate categories governed by a different set of rules, regulations and service conditions.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Non-utilisation of amount sanctioned for expansion of Civil Airport, Jodhpur

177. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for non-utilisation of the amount sanctioned for the expansion of the Civil Airport at Jodhpur and for providing passenger amenities;

(b) how much amount has since been utilised so far;

(c) by when the total amount is likely to be utilised; and

(d) whether additional amount is proposed to be sanctioned to meet the requirements of the planned development of the Jodhpur Civil Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (d) The passenger amenities like Water coolers, Air-conditioners etc. have been provided at Jodhpur airport. For expansion of terminal building, Car Park etc., a provision was made in the National Airports Authority's Annual Plan 1989-90 but due to paucity of funds the work could not be taken up by the Authority. The work to extend and modify the existing terminal building is projected for 1991-92 subject to availability of adequate funds.

Passenger traffic at Civil Airport Jodhpur

178. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of passengers boarding for and arriving by